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REF: DICKMAN LETTER DTD AUG 10 TO AMBASSADOR

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE INFORMATION IN YOUR LETTER AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVE MOORE'S REPORTS. AGGREE ENTIRELY WITH THINKING IN YOUR FINAL PARAGRAPH.

2. QUESTION OF JUST HOW CAKARNIS RATES WITH DGCA SALIM BIN NASSIR IN PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE AND OTHER RESPECTS IS SIGNIFICANT. SO FAR DGCA HAS EXPRESSED NO CRITICISM TO US. IT WOULD NOT BE IN CHARACTER FOR DGCA TO DO THIS UNLESS HE HAD PRETTXCSTRONG GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINT. THERE IS SOME HEARSAY INDICATING SALIM IS NOT ENAMORED OF CAKARNIS' LEADERSHIP ABILITY OR PERSONAL SUITABILITY FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT, BUT NOTHING ONE COULD BUILD A CASE UPON. AS TO CAKARNIS - PANAM RELATIONS, THEY SEEM SATISFACTORY IN PROFESSIONAL TERMS BUT SEVERELY STRAINED IN OTHER WAYS SINCE HIS INTENDED WIFE LIVED HERE AS SPOUSE OF PANAM EMPLOYEE IN SAME HOUSING COMPOUND MOST OF PAST TWO YEARS.

3. CAKARNIS TOLD ME DAY BEFORE HIS AUGUST 9 DEPARTURE FOR MONTH'S LEAVE IN U.S. OF HIS MARRIAGE PLANS, BUT SAID NOTHING

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OF POSSIBLE VISA PROBLEM FOR HIS INTENDED SPOUSE. I BELIEVE

CAKARNIS HIMSELF ONLY LEARNED THIS WAS A REAL PROBLEM THE NIGHT BEFORE HE LEFT. DGCA HAS NOT MENTIONED THIS MATTER TO US NOR WOULD WE EXPECT HIM TO; WE HAVE BEEN TOLD, BUT CANNOT SAY FOR CERTAIN, THAT CAKARNIS TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY ONLY HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE TO GET SALIM BIN NASSIR TO INTERCEDE FOR HIM ON THIS VISA MATTER.

4. WE SUGGEST ARP ASCERTAIN FROM MOORE THAT FAA IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CAKARNIS' PRESENCE IN US TO SEEK HIS VIEW ON PROPER QUALIFICATIONS OF SMITH'S REPLACEMENT (MUSCAT 1029 MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO CAKARNIS' ATTENTION), AND TO MAKE SURE CAKARNIS REALIZES HE MUST NOT ATTEMPT HAVE HIS NEW WIFE ACCOMPANY HIM BACK OR OTHERWISE TRY TO ENTER OMAN UNLESS OR UNTIL HE GETS VISA MATTER STRAIGHTENED OUT. HER ARRIVAL IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD PRESENT ACUTE EMBARRASSMENT TO DGCA AND ENTIRE FAA PROGRAM AND MUST NOT BE PERMITTED TO OCCUR.

5. MAY HAVE OTHER SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ONCE MOORE REPORT IN HAND.
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